



Cost-Share Application

Forest Stewardship Plan & *Foresters for the Birds Program*

WORKING FOREST INITIATIVE FUNDING

FISCAL YEAR 2018

Application for DCR Cost-Share MUST BE APPROVED PRIOR to submitting completed plan to DCR

Landowners:

Please read side 2, and then complete
Application & IRS Form W-9 and mail to:

Massachusetts Forest Stewardship Program
355 West Boylston Street
Clinton, MA 01510
978-368-0126 x129 (office) 413-212-3039 (cell)

Landowner

Name _____

Mailing address _____

Daytime Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

Email _____

Plan preparer (if known) _____

Property

Town _____

Road _____

County _____

Estimated total acres of property _____

Acres to be covered by plan _____

Please check the listings that apply to this ownership

☐ I/We are applying for Forest Stewardship Plan Cost-Share (**NEW**)

☐ I/We have an **EXISTING** Forest Stewardship Plan

☐ I/We are applying for Cost-Share for Bird Habitat Assessment

Only applications with completed IRS Form W-9 will be processed. Cost-share reimbursement payments are considered reportable by the IRS and must be reported on your income tax returns. The name and address submitted on the form W-9 is to whom and where the reimbursement check will be issued. IRS Form W-9 must be submitted with this cost-share application.

Please contact the Forest Stewardship Office within thirty (30) days of application submission if you (applicant) determine the information on the application to be incorrect or desire to withdraw your application. If you decide at any point to not have a Stewardship Plan prepared for your land, you must notify Michael Downey at DCR.

Landowner signature _____ Date _____

For Departmental Use Only:

Approval

Extent approved (acres) _____

Initial reimbursement approved (\$) _____

Comments _____

Disapproval

___ Ineligible property or ownership

___ No funds available: keep on file

☐ I certify that this application meets with eligibility requirements of MA Forest Stewardship Program.

☐ Property falls within RCPP

DCR Authorizing signature _____ Date _____



The Forest Stewardship Program

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's **Forest Stewardship Program** supports you in your desire to practice long-term guardianship of your woodlands. The primary objective of the Forest Stewardship Program is to reduce the likelihood of development of forest properties by encouraging active forest management.

Working on a ten-year management plan with a Massachusetts Licensed Forester offers an excellent opportunity to learn more about your woodland. To learn more about the DCR Forest Stewardship program visit www.mass.gov/dcr/serviceforestry.

Cost-Share Reimbursement Information:

Who is eligible?

- Landowners owning woodlands of 10 acres or more (7 of which must be wooded with remaining acres being classified as "eligible"), that are not currently enrolled in Forest Stewardship or Chapter 61, or 61A/B.
- Landowners currently enrolled in Chapter 61A or 61B that do not have a forest management/stewardship plan are eligible to receive cost-share reimbursement. Eligible private landowners include individuals, trusts, land trusts, clubs, LLC's, associations, and corporate entities.
- Municipally-owned forest land parcels of 25 acres or more are eligible. Leaseholders are also eligible.

Forest Stewardship Cost-Share Reimbursement is only for new management plans. Re-certifications and amendments to existing plans are not eligible to receive reimbursement. *The exception to this rule is the case of a new landowner who inherits a plan from the previous owner. The cost-share application must be approved by DCR before work on the plan begins.

Cost-Share Reimbursement rates:

10 to 36 acres	= \$910
37 to 499 acres	= \$910 + \$13.00/acre over 36 acres
Over 500 acres	= based on a written estimate by MA Licensed Forester & approved by DCR



Foresters for the Birds—A Woodland Owner Program Focused on Songbird Habitat

This program supports landowners with woods who would like to learn more about the bird habitat on their land and how to enhance it in conjunction with other forest management goals. A Massachusetts Licensed Consulting Forester certified in conducting Bird Habitat

Assessments will assess your woods for existing and potential bird habitat. The Bird Habitat Assessment will be integrated into your efforts towards other goals such as improving forest health, generating income, or enhancing recreational trails. These recommendations will then be incorporated into your Forest Stewardship Plan.

Cost-Share Reimbursement Information:

Who is eligible?

- Private Landowners with 10 or more wooded acres that are currently enrolled in the Forest Stewardship Program or apply for a Forest Stewardship Plan at the same time.

Cost-Share Reimbursement rates for NEW Forest Stewardship Plan with Bird Assessment:

10 to 20 acres	= \$300
21 to 50 acres	= \$400
Greater than 51 acres	= \$500

Cost-Share Reimbursement rates for EXISTING Forest Stewardship Plan with Bird Assessment:

10 to 20 acres	= \$600
21 to 50 acres	= \$800
Greater than 51 acres	= \$1,000

Reimbursement payments are considered reportable by the IRS and must be reported on your income tax returns.
You will receive an IRS Form 1099 for this payment.